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On March 3, spokespersons from the Federation of Independent Associations and Trade Unions of El Salvador (FEASIES) denounced the murder of FEASIES activist Nsario de Jesus Gracia. Gracia was found at FEASIES headquarters in San Salvador on March 2 blindfolded, hanging by his thumbs with his throat slit. The spokespersons said that Gracia had been receiving death threats since November from members of the 1st Infantry Brigade. They denounced his death as an "act of intimidation aimed at undermining the peace process." Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) spokesperson Herson Martinez attributed the murder to dissident military factions opposed to the process of military reforms, including the recent dissolution of the National Guard and Treasury Police. (Basic data from Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 03/02/92; Agence France-Presse, Associated Press, 03/03/92)

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